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Serial No.: 09/070,908 ) Art Unit: 1762  
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For: FILM FORMING METHOD AND )  
FILM FORMING APPARATUS )

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

VIA HAND CARRY

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated **June 29, 2000**, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments in connection with the above identified application.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims ~~51-57~~ without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims as follows.

23. (Amended) A film forming method comprising:  
supplying [a] hydrogen gas into a chamber;  
supplying radio frequency energy in said chamber to generate plasma from said  
hydrogen gas by radio frequency discharge;

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